

**MAG High-Capacity Transit Plan
Preliminary Summary of Feedback from Individual Meetings
As of March 26, 2002**

Agencies Interviewed To Date:

- Avondale
- Chandler
- Gilbert
- Mesa
- Peoria
- Phoenix Transit
- RPTA
- Scottsdale
- Tempe
- Wickenburg
- ADOT

General/Guiding Principles

- No sacred cows - commuter rail, BRT-express, BRT-corridor and LRT should all be on the table
- Priority for new or extended high-capacity systems should be based on:
 - need
 - cost-effectiveness
 - funding availability
- But recognize constraints of referenda
 - Phoenix Metrocenter LRT extension
 - Glendale LRT extension
 - Phoenix BRT network
- This study is not a club - it's another piece of information
- Recognize it will be controversial, but a single regional overview of all high-capacity transit elements will be useful (example of successful freeway program)
- Avoid "planning in a vacuum" and don't reinvent the wheel - coordinate with ongoing studies
- Phasing - what are "triggers" for higher-level service? What provisions can be made now? Corridor preservation?

Overarching Transportation Issues

- "Through-City" issues - who benefits? who pays?
- Local service cutbacks; variable service standards across region
- East Valley - service to emerging employment nodes:
 - Williams Gateway
 - Falcon Field
 - Scottsdale Airpark
 - Paradise Ridge
 - Desert Ridge

- Camelback Corridor
- West Valley - will continue to be "job-poor" in short to mid-future - long commutes to the east (except Palo Verde)

Candidate Corridors: Northeast

- Camelback
- Bell/Frank Lloyd Wright
- Loop 101 East Valley
- Scottsdale/Rural
- Loop 202
- Main (Mesa)
- UP Mainline

Candidate Corridors: Southeast

- UP Mainline
- Power/Higley/Val Vista
- Ellsworth
- Williams Field/Ray/Warner/Chandler
- Baseline/Guadalupe
- Cooper
- Arizona
- UP Chandler
- I-10 South Phoenix
- UP Mesa

Candidate Corridors: Southwest

- I-10 West Valley
- UP Yuma
- Dysart/115th
- Buckeye/SR85

Candidate Corridors: Northwest

- Phoenix Metrocenter LRT Extension (referendum)
- Glendale LRT Extension (referendum)
- Grand Avenue/BNSF
- Loop 101 West Valley (long-term)

Technology-Specific Consideration

- Commuter Rail
 - abutting residential communities will be very sensitive, and maybe actively hostile, to prospect of increased train frequencies
 - pedestrian/vehicle at-grade crossings
 - mixed experience with railroads - what are the dealbreakers?
- LRT
 - has captured hearts and minds of public and several elected officials

- people have become familiar with LRT - other high-capacity modes might be confusing
- BRT
 - gaining interest in some cities

Land Use/Urban Design

- general interest in TOD opportunities
- need for more case studies - what really works?